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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CBW Working Group Meeting, 25 July 1984

1. On 25 July 1984, I chaired a meeting of the CBW Working Group to discuss the compromise proposed by Miss Page and . All members of the Working Group attended (although we now have a number of new faces due to summer job changes).

2. outlined the proposal for the establishment of an Interagency Working Group for CBW Intelligence and a CIPC CBW Executive Subcommittee. He discussed the three equities involved in the problem (the needs of the operating Intelligence Community involved in day-to-day intelligence analysis and production, the need for the CIPC to insure adequate follow-up of the Working Group recommendations, and the need for a focal point for centralized coordination of CBW intelligence), and discussed how this proposal would satisfy these needs.

3. After a general discussion, each of the representatives was asked to state his views on the proposal. The following summarizes the reactions of the Working Group:

- The Group (with the exception of CIA) still generally prefers a DCI Committee, but can accept this proposal as a substitute.
- The Working Group acceptance of the proposal was with the understanding that the Executive Subcommittee would have a limited function: to review the implementation of the recommendations of the CBW Working Group report. It would not have operational control/authority over the day-to-day activities of the Interagency Working Group.

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- There is a strong consensus that the Executive Subcommittee should include a DoD member, at a minimum an O-8 or civilian equivalent.
- Selection of the Assistant NIO is a touchy subject. The possibility was raised by several members of selecting a DoD representative who would not necessarily be located at Langley.
- Personal Observation: Selection of the Assistant NIO should be done with great care and with due consideration of the equities of all the agencies involved. It should be made clear that candidates from DoD are being given full consideration.
- There is a lack of agreement whether or not the Assistant NIO should chair the Interagency Working Group. There are various reasons among those who oppose this dual-hatting, including time constraints as well as turf considerations.
- The sense of the Working Group is unclear concerning the selection of the Chairman of the Interagency Working Group. One possibility would be selection by the Executive Subcommittee in coordination with the NIC. NOTE: The cautionary comments above concerning selection of the Assistant NIO also pertain to selection of the Chairman of the Interagency Working Group.
- There is confusion between the terms "CBW Working Group" and "Interagency Working Group," and between the terms "CIPC Subcommittee" and "Executive Subcommittee." Therefore, the "Interagency Working Group" should be instead called the "Interagency CBW Intelligence Committee," and the "Executive Subcommittee" should be called the "CIPC CBW Executive Review Panel."
- There is a strong feeling among the Working Group as to "let's move out"--they feel things have been bureaucratically stalled long enough, and would like to see a Chairman named and the concept implemented as soon as possible. Their main desire is to "get on with the work."

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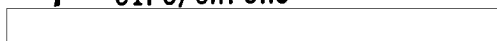
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